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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Many thanks for completing and returning the capital-punishment questionnaire. The best assurances of confidentiality I can provide (which are quite good, and as good as the facts of life and law permit) are (1) that in the absence of a subpoena, the individual questionnaires, the information contained in the responses to them, and the names of our respondents will be kept strictly confidential; (2) that the chances of a subpoena being issued for the data underlying an academic study of this sort are probably in the nature of .000000003 of one per cent; and (3) that if a subpoena does issue, the result -- as you can guess -- will be one hell of a wild legal catfight, in which I shall ask Bill Keogh to represent me. (Plus ça change, plus ça reste la même chose!)

I hope you have had a good and pleasant summer. Be well. Thanks again.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony G. Amsterdam". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "T" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

Anthony G. Amsterdam

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